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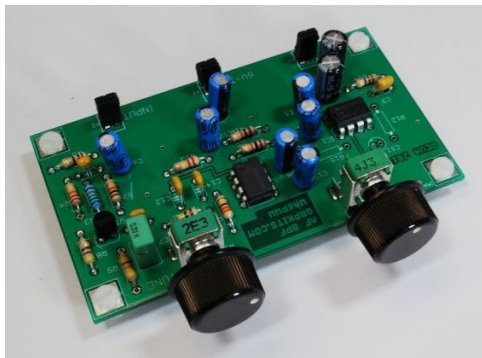
PRODUCT REVIEW: PACIFIC ANTENNA - One of the few companies that has a broad product line of kits and antennas for the QRPer. James & Kathy turn out high quality products and then back them up with great service.



The QRPKITS "Survivor" 75M SSB transceiver

<https://www.qrpkits.com/index.html>

Start with a simple kit and work your way up to a advanced kit. Learn by doing!



QRPKits audio bandpass filter kit



RADIO HISTORY : HEATHKIT - At one time just about every ham either had built or had a piece of Heathkit equipment in their shack. Please read the fascinating story as told by W5TXR,

<https://www.w5txr.net/Heathkit-Company-History.html>

Great reading. After the war into the 50's, 60's, 70's there were many companies in the amateur radio kit business, Eico, Allied, Lafayette Radio, E. F. Johnson, Newark, World Radio Labs and many others ...



Picture of the rare Heathkit Chippewa KL1 amplifier. Made only in 1960. K stood for kit, L stood for linear, 1 was the first Heath-kit amp.

HOW TO: KIT BUILDING - BUILD, LEARN AND ENJOY - There are still a few companies that still offer kits of all types for the builder. They are from simple, easy to build devices to transceivers and even amplifiers for experienced builder. Many companies like: <http://qrpkits.com/>, <https://www.jameco.com/c/Electronic-Kits-Projects.html>, <http://fivedash.com/>



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RF-Kit RF2KS \$4500.00 (2019)

Heath AR3 \$29.95 (1956)

<https://www.hamradiosecrets.com/ham-radio-kits.html>

DX Engineering has a German HF 1500 watt amp kit (above) for \$4500. I learned by my father getting me a crystal radio kit at about 7 or 8 years old. Then at Christmas a one tube radio lab with many projects to build. Then graduated to a Philmore transistor radio kit. Next it was Heathkit AR3 receiver. Kits are a good way to learn soldering, components and how things work. If everything goes right when you put power to it EUREKA It works or you have smoke, hihi! Every ham should try building a kit just for the satisfaction of making it work!

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